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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH OBSERVED

CHEYENNE, WY- Governor Dave Freudenthal has declared April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Wyoming. During this month, the Division of Victim Services will be joining with people throughout the state and the nation to focus the public's attention on this important issue.

Sexual violence is a crime of epidemic proportions. It affects everyone. The FBI estimates that one in three women and one in ten men will be raped in their lifetime. Of these assaults, at least 80% are committed by someone the victim/survivor knows. In Wyoming alone, there were over 110 sexual assaults reported to law enforcement in 2004. Wyoming crime victim service providers assist victims/survivors and their friends or family with crisis intervention and support services.

This month, sexual assault advocates through out the state will be raising public awareness of sexual violence, providing people with ideas for prevention, and letting people who have been a victim of sexual assault know that they are not alone and that help is available.

Sexual violence affects all of us - every community, every family. For more information on Sexual Assault Awareness Month, contact the Wyoming Division of Victim Services at 307-777-7200 or the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault at 307-755-5481.